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with:

92 Under these circumstances, the inventors have made extensive studies to provide Ti alloys having highly biocompatible elements and preferably having the shape memory effects for biological use, and found that a ternary alloy containing Sn as the third element can be a non-toxic and non-allergic alloy having an appropriate shape memory property for biological use. The present invention was accomplished based on this finding.

IN THE CLAIMS:

93 11. (AMENDED) A bone material comprising the alloy as defined in claim 1.

12. (AMENDED) A bone fixator comprising the alloy as defined in claim 1.

REMARKS

I INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-16 are pending and stand rejected. In view of the above amendment and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

II THE OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS 11 AND 12 SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors as specified in the Office Action.

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